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SUBJECT: PRIMARY ELECTIONS

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1. A QUICK REVIEW OF THE LISTS OF CANDIDATES SELECTED IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION SEPT 2 PROVOKES A FEW PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS. FIRST OF ALL THE PRIMARY ELECTORS OBVIOUSLY FELT IT WAS TIME FOR A CHANGE. THIS DESIRE FOR A CHANGE MOST APPARENT IN RPP WHERE ONLY 8 OF THE 21 INCUMBENT RPP DEPUTIES IN IZMIR CONSULAR DISTRICT ATTAINED A POSITION ON THE LIST

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THAT GIVES THEM A GOOD CHANCE FOR REELECTION. OF 54 INCUMBENT JP DEPUTIES ONLY 26 APEAR TO BE IN A GOOD POSITION FOR REELECTION. THIS TREND ESPECIALLY PRONOUNCED IN IZMIR, BALIKESIR, KUTAHYA, DENIZLI, ANTALYA AND BURDUR.

2. A TREND TOWARD YOUTH IS ALSO DETECTABLE IN BOTH THE JP AND RPP BUT IT IS MOST NOTICEABLE ON THE RPP IZMIR LIST. THE OLDEST OF THE 12 TOP CANDIDATES IS 48 YEARS OLD AND TWO OF THE TOP FOUR ARE ONLY 31.

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INTERESTINGLY BOTH OF THESE YOUNG MEN ARE OUTSPOKEN

MEMBERS OF THE LEFT WING OF THE RPP. ONE OF THEM, SULEYMAN GENC, HAS ALREADY DRAWN CRITICAL COMMENT FROM LOCAL RRP LEADER AND WILL PROBABLY BECOME LIGHTNING ROD FOR CHARGES OF ETREMISM IN RPP (REFTEL).  
3. RESULTS OF JP PRIMARY ELECTION IN IZMIR REPRESENT POSSIBLE SETBACK FOR IZMIR MAJOR OSMAN KIBAR. FIVE OF TOP SEVEN CANDIDATES WERE ASSOCIATED WITH MEHMET KARAOGU, LATE JP PARTY FOUNDER AND LONGTIME POLITICAL RIVAL OF KIBAR. HOWEVER, RESULTS PROBABLY DO NOT

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INDICATE DECLINE IN KIBAR'S POPULARITY AND POWER WITHIN PARTY AS MUCH AS ACTIVE CAMPAIGN WAGED BY THOSE WHO ENDED UP ON TOP OF LIST.  
4. WHILE IT IS VERY RISKY TO GENERALIZE ON RESULTS OF PRIMARY ELECTION IT APPEARS THAT MOST COMMON DENOMINATOR OF HIGH SCORING CANDIDATES OF MAJOR PARTIES IS THAT THEY ARE ACTIVE AND EFFECTIVE CAMPAIGNERS. THE CANDIDATE WHO WAS WILLING TO GO TO THE VILLAGES AND SEEK SUPPORT FROM LOCAL POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS WAS GENERALLY REWARDED WHEREAS THE CANDIDATE WHO RELIED ON HIS REPUTATION OR RECORD WAS OFTEN DISAPPOINTED.

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